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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1423)

DATE: 10/2/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

SUBJECT: BLACK UNITED FRONT (BUF), aka.
RM

On 9/11/68 ME 338-R(Ghetto) orally advised SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE that at the Black United Front (BUF) meeting held at Clayborn Temple, 280 Hernando, on the night of 9/10/68, about 200 to 250 persons were present. The meeting was dominated by Black Organizing Project (BOP) and its cell, the Invaders. Key Invaders there were as follows:

1 - 157-1423 (BUF)
1 - 170-70 Sub (ME 338-R(Ghetto))
1 - 157-1067 (BOP)
1 - 157-556 (Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas)
1 - 157-1312 (Black Knights)
1 - 157-NEW (TIGER, Tennesseans Interested in Equal Rights)
1 - 157-166 (SCLC)
1 - 157-957 (JOHN B. SMITH)
1 - 100-4528 (CHARLES L. CABBAGE) 1 - 100-4579 (CALVIN L. TAYLOR)

1 - 157-1258 (LANCE WATSON, aka.)	1 - 157-1205 (Black Panther Party)
1 - 157-1019 (CHARLES HARRINGTON)	1 - 157- (MELVIN SMITH)
1 - 157-1116 (VERDELL BROOKS)	1 - 157- (JOHN GARY WILLIAMS)
1 - 157-1173 (OREE MC KENZIE)	1 - 157- (JOHN W. WHITE)
1 - 157- (NEWBURN ROCKS)	1 - 157-1372 (JEWELL DAVIS)
1 - 157-1277 (EMMETT HOUSE)	1 - 157-1365 (IDA BALLARD)
1 - 157- (ENU TATE, son of ELLIS TATE)	1 - 157-1133 (CEDRIC MOORE)
1 - 157-1125 (JOHN HENRY FERGUSON)	1 - 157-1275 (ERIC HOLMAN)
1 - 157- (REGINALD FERGUSON)	1 - 157-1061 (LARRY LARUE DAVIS)
1 - 157-1349 (WILLIE "SCOOP" ROGERS)	1 - 157-1467 (JUANITA TENSLEY)
1 - 157-1000 (JAMES E. PHILLIPS)	1 - 157-1468 ('RED' TENSLEY)
1 - 157-1341 (ISSAC HAYES)	
1 - 157-1292 (WARREN LEWIS)	WHL:gmh
1 - 157- (MARION COLLINS)	(41)
1 - 157- (WINSTON BENNETT)	
1 - 157-1398 (CHRIS A. TURNER)	
1 - 157-953 (BOBBY DOCTOR)	
1 - (Tennessee Council on Human Relations)	

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JOHN B. SMITH
CHARLES L. CABBAGE
CHARLES BALLARD
LANCE WATSON, aka "Sweet Willie Wine"
CHARLES HARRINGTON
VERDELL BROOKS
OREE MCKENZIE
NEWBURN ROOKS
EMMETT HOUSE
MARRELL McCULLOUGH
(FNU) TATE (who lives at the Lorraine Hotel)
JOHN H. FERGUSON and brother
REGINALD FERGUSON
WILLIE "SCOOP" ROGERS
JAMES E. PHILLIPS

Also present were a lot of the Invaders girls.

Several Black Knights were present, including the following:

ISAAC HAYES
WAYNE or WINSTON BENNETT, the Black Knights treasurer
WARREN LEWIS, Black Knights Chairman
MARVIN COLLINS
CHRIS A. TURNER

BOBBY DOCTOR of the U. S. Civil Rights Commission Office was there. FRANK LAMONDUE, male Negro, Deputy U. S. Marshal, came, and the Invaders "hooted" him and he left. He acted silly and tried to tell them he was with the Afro-American Police Officers Association.

One or two Negro school principals were there, including GEORGE COX of Walker School; Negro Attorney GEORGE BROWN, associate of Attorney H. A. LATTING was there. Some of the "Young Turk" SCLC people were there. One FNU SUTTON of the SCLC who is small in build, drives a black Chevrolet Camaro, and who went to Memphis State University (MSU) for two years, claimed to have knowledge of the New York teachers strike. People were there from WOMEN, Unity League, and one woman claiming to be from the NAACP. WOMEN people included Mrs. RONALD CATRON and one woman whose maiden name was HUBBARD.

The first speaker was LANCE WATSON ("Sweet Willie Wine") who spoke of the need for BUF and said the United States is spending billions in Vietnam and none for the poor blacks in the United States. He said money spent on napalm should be spent for the poor blacks in the United States. He bragged the liquor store at Trigg and Florida was too close to a church and the Invaders put it out of business.

ISAAC HAYES of the Black Knights spoke. He was extremely militant, warned all present not to take notes, and allowed no pictures taken. He cursed the white power structure claiming it was keeping blacks in slavery. He mimicked the white man, Santa Claus, and Tarzan as symbols of the white race. He said the whites did nothing for blacks until a few brave blacks used Molotov cocktails and broke a few windows. He said this is the only way to fight "Whitey." He said "We have to hurt WHITEY where it hurts, in his pocketbook -- have to get control of the dollar." HAYES introduced Black Knights Treasurer WINSTON or WAYNE BENNETT.

Later he said the Black Knights had been visiting black churches, seeking support but too many ministers and deacons were afraid of them. BENNETT said the Negroes working at Firestone feel they are being discriminated against and many of them are Black Knights. They plan a big boycott of Firestone retail stores. He said Firestone has no black guards at the gates, no Negroes in the personnel office, no Negroes in skilled jobs and also he claimed blacks are kept in menial jobs, have prejudiced white supervisors, and segregated rest rooms and cafeterias. He said a Federal man from Birmingham looked into the complaints and said it would take 16 to 18 months to correct it. He said there was no alternative to a boycott of Firestone stores and stores selling Firestone products.

(FNU) SUTTON, claiming to be a representative of SCLC, told the audience that Atlanta Headquarters of SCLC would use its "Operation Breadbasket" program to help the boycott.

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JOHN B. SMITH spoke, and stated all Invaders were ready to go to jail, if necessary, as many times as necessary, provided they can be bonded. He claimed the Memphis Police Department illegally raided his apartment on 8/2/68 and said if the guns had been found the Police Department would have killed the Invaders. He said the recent arrests of JOHN FERGUSON, OREE MC KENZIE, JOHN B. SMITH were intimidation. He said it is up to other black groups to support them. SMITH added, "All must realize there's a violent revolution in this country, black versus white."

The guards would not let white male BAXTON BRYANT, Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Council of Human Relations, into the meeting; in fact, they got mad at some black girls who put their arms around BRYANT.

No official representatives were there from COME or NAACP,

WINE or BALLARD claimed black history is not being taught in public schools, especially revolutionary history.

CABBAGE and BALLARD did not talk.

No moderates talked,

GEORGE R. HUNT, Carver Junior High art teacher, and Carver Assistant Basketball Coach (FNU) BYRD, were there, as was one FNU JOHNSON, Principal of Lester Elementary School.

SUTTON of SCLC nominated JOHN B. SMITH as temporary Chairman but it was tabled.

CALVIN TAYLOR, "Commercial Appeal" reporter and Invaders sympathizer, was there.

CABBAGE said EDWINA HARRELL is quiet and subdued since her two recent arrests and is back living with her parents.

Informant furnished literature distributed at the meeting entitled "Black United Front, Where We Go From Here," and "Statement of Purpose for the Black Organizing Project's Request of Curriculum Changes." Xerox copies of this are being attached to copies of instant memorandum for 157-1423 (BUF), 157-1067 (BOP), 157-1205 (Black Panthers), 157-1258 (LANCE WATSON), 157-957 (JOHN B. SMITH), [redacted], 157-1312 (Black Knights), 157-166 (SCLC), and 100-4528 (CHARLES CABBAGE),

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On 9/11/68 [redacted] corroborated in detail all of the above information and also furnished copies of the above-described documents. He added the following additional information:

He said BUF is demanding an Afro-American Teachers Union. He recalled that WILLIE WINE said if all black groups would back the Invaders, the Invaders would not have to shoot and burn as they have been doing. He said ISAAC HAYES said "BUF" would "run Memphis" and they will not let any black ministers come in and take over as they had done in COME.

[redacted] added that CHRIS A. TURNER, male Negro, announcer for WDIA and recently a Black Knight, spoke. He said he represented a new group called TIGER, which he said is a violent group. He said the police have threatened him but this did not scare him. He said the police took his "young America Speaks" program from him, with the cooperation of WDIA Manager BERT FERGUSON and said FERGUSON got mad after he had the Invaders on his program. He said, "Don't let BERT FERGUSON fool you; that he is probably a GEORGE WALLACE supporter." TURNER claimed FERGUSON claimed TURNER's life had been threatened and this was why his program was being taken off. TURNER said he was going to become more militant. One woman in the audience said blacks should boycott WDIA.

One woman from WOMEN said some school children in Marks, Mississippi, had been arrested. She wanted financial donations for them. The Invaders said they needed money (meaning the Invaders); she said SCLC would help them.

CABBAGE also spoke, explaining BUF would unite the entire black community. He wanted to set up officers. They badly need a meeting place and want to get a permanent building, CABBAGE and JOHN B. SMITH urged all to go to Carver High School at 3:30 p.m., 9/11/68, to pull all black students out of school in defiance of Principal R. B. THOMPSON. They said THOMPSON is not only one at fault as some of the teachers are the ones who take the kids to the office, SMITH said if Carver burns, BUF or BOP or the Invaders will be blamed.

[redacted] added that Invaders passed out application blanks at the meeting.

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In addition to those present, identified by
ME 338 set out above, [redacted] added the following were there:

VERDELL BROOKS
CHARLES HARRINGTON
MELVIN SMITH
RICHARD CABBAGE
JOHN GARY WILLIAMS
JEWELL DAVIS
IDA BALLARD

Also present were the twin 15-16 year old girls
who live on Texas Street.

After the meeting IDA BALLARD left with GEORGE R.
HUNT.

JOHN W. WHITE, the Arkansas teacher and close friend
of CABBAGE, was there. He came late and has a mustache and
goatee, is 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 165-170 pounds, and
has a light complexion.

GEORGE or BISHOP TROTTER of SCLC was there,
WINE's girl friend, name not known, took notes. HUNT
also took notes.

Another SCLC person called "Brother" CEDRIC MOORE was
there. He is dark-complexioned, wears dark glasses, is 5 feet
8 inches tall, weighs 135-140 pounds, is 24-25 years, and has
promised help from SCLC in Atlanta.

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[redacted] added that on Monday night, September 9, 1968, a smaller BUF meeting was held at Clayborn. They called for an Afro-American Teachers Union and asked that all students and teachers join BUF.

JAMES E. PHILLIPS, LANCE WATSON, and JOHN B. SMITH did most of the talking. They all talked along the theme that the BUF and Invaders have to get police and black "Uncle Toms" and need to get rid of the rundown buildings by burning if necessary.

Among those present were the following:

JOHN B. SMITH
LANCE WATSON, aka "Willie Wine"
JAMES E. PHILLIPS
OREE MC KENZIE
VERDELL BROOKS
ERIC HOLMAN
CHARLES HARRINGTON
CHARLES BALLARD
MELVIN SMITH
JOHN HENRY FERGUSON
REGINALD FERGUSON
MARRELL MC COLLOUGH
LARRY LARUE DAVIS
JEWELL DAVIS
RED TENSLEY and sister, JUANITA "WINKIE" TENSLEY

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Also present were two female twins, 14-15 years of age, with natural hair. [redacted]

Carver teacher GEORGE R. HUNT and THOMAS VANN and a teacher named MALONE were there.

Later on 9/12/68 [redacted] said that no one showed up at Carver High on 9/12/68.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1838)

DATE: 4/2/69

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: COMMEMORATION, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
ASSASSINATION, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
4/4/69
RM

On the late afternoon of 3/26/69 ME 338-R advised that a planning meeting relative to the proposed commemoration of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Memphis, Tenn., 4/4/69, scheduled mass march, was held at the Lorraine Hotel and Motel, 406 Mulberry, Memphis, on the night of 3/25/69, attended by various SCLC leaders, including the SCLC President RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY; O. W. PICKETT and JESSE EPPS, along with some of the local representatives of Community on the Move for Equality (COME), a group of Negro ministers headed by Rev. JAMES MORRIS LAWSON, JR., Rev. EZEKIEL BELL, and H. RALPH JACKSON, Director of Minimum Salary Division,

- 1 - 157-1838
- 1 - 170-70 Sub (ME 338-R)
- 1 - 157-556 (Possible Racial Violence, Major Urban Areas)
- 1 - 157-1067 (Invaders)
- 1 - 157-1423 (BUF)
- 1 - 157-1308 (COME)
- 1 - 157-1516 (AFSCME, Local 1733)
- 1 - 157-1312 (Black Knights)

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- 1 - 157-1351 (MAURICE LEWIS)
- 1 - 157-1647 (DONALD PIGFORD)
- ① - 100-4528 (CHARLES L. CABBAGE)
- 1 - 157-1553 (ROY LEE TURKS)
- 1 - 157-1626 (JOHN CHARLES SMITH)
- 1 - 157-1745 (CARL S. ARMSTRONG)
- 1 - 157-1776 (CURTIS DAVIS)
- 1 - 157-1564 (LOUIS WELCH)
- 1 - 157-943 (BOBBY DOCTOR)
- 1 - 157-166 (SCLC)
- 1 - 157-1857 (MARK SIGGERS)
- 1 - 66-1687 Sub A (Dissemination)

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AME Church, and representatives of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 1733.

ABERNATHY mainly tried to talk with the various groups to pacify them and unify them and informant stated that actually ABERNATHY seemed to be sincere and seemed to play the part of the legitimate Christian minister.

He stated that earlier on 3/26/69 a planning meeting was held in Clayborn Temple, AME Church, located at 280 Hernando, at which point the 4/4/69 march will originate. Several of the Invaders attempted to get into this meeting but were unable to do so at the outset. Among the leaders at the planning meeting were such people as H. RALPH JACKSON; Rev. JAMES MORRIS LAWSON; MAXINE SMITH who is Executive Secretary NAACP at Memphis; Rev. BEN HOOKS, former Shelby County Criminal Court Judge; Rev. S. BILLY KYLES; and others. At the outset, JACKSON seemed to make a mistake in that he refused admittance to women connected with the group called Women on the Move for Equality Now (WOMEN). He also refused admittance to representatives of the Black Knights, as well as admittance to representatives of the Invaders.

The meeting later developed into nearly a "free-for-all" when some of the Invaders led by MAURICE LEWIS, CHARLES LAVERNE CABBAGE, DONALD PIGFORD, ROY LEE TURKS, and JOHN CHARLES SMITH and others, invaded the meeting and demanded an audience with RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY when ABERNATHY pleaded that he had only ten minutes before having to leave to catch a 1:29 p.m. plane, Delta Airlines, to Chicago. They talked rough to him, threatened to disrupt the march or even prevent its transpiring, and according to informant it was apparent that the Invaders are attempting to blackmail the SCLC just as they did during the SCLC National Convention at Memphis, Tenn., in August, 1968.

One of the Invaders made the statement that they were going to go get a gun and come back and disrupt the meeting, although the informant stated this was merely a bluff in an effort to create confusion.

CHARLES CABBAGE interrupted the meeting by saying that the Invaders had 35 of their members who had been jailed in recent months carrying out the work for the black power people and that they had been intimidated to know end by the Memphis Police Department, yet the black leaders represented by those present today had done nothing for "us" (the Invaders).

Informant pointed out that unfortunately none of the leaders present, including JACKSON, HOOKS, and LAWSON, had the guts to confront the Invaders by pointing out that the arrests of their members had all been legitimate arrests on various serious criminal charges. He stated that he, in fact, told Rev. LAWSON that it appeared they were too lenient with the Invaders and the informant feels that these so-called Negro leaders representing COME and the Union and SCLC are actually physically afraid of some of the Invaders.

He stated that PIGFORD, MAURICE LEWIS and CHARLES CABBAGE openly threatened a breach of peace on 4/4/69, indicating that if the SCLC did not see fit to meet with them and meet their demands that they would see to it that Memphis had a good riot on 4/4/69. Informant who knows many of the Invaders personally stated that in his opinion they were merely bluffing and mouthing off although he felt that people such as Judge HOOKS should have called the Invaders to task at that point.

The Black Knights apparently were originally undecided as to what to do but are now in the "middle" in that they were excluded from the meeting and informant feels that some of the Black Knights, not all of them, will form a coalition with the Invaders in an effort to bring pressure to bear on COME, SCLC and Local 1733, AFSCME. Informant pointed out that JESSE EPPS at one point told CABBAGE, PIGFORD and MAURICE LEWIS that after all they should not expect too much in the form of money from the march leaders, because Local 1733 and COME were currently paying their rent and utilities and Phone Bill for the Invaders at their headquarters at 271 Vance Avenue.

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In addition to ABERNATHY, SCLC officials, including BERNARD LAFAYETTE, who is the new Coordinator of Activities for SCLC; Rev. JAMES ORANGE, aka "Little Jesus"; and WILLIE BOLDEN were present. Also BOBBY DOCTOR, an employee of the U. S. Civil Rights Commission, Federal Building, Memphis, Tennessee, was present and later went with some of the SCLC staff to the Invaders headquarters, at about 4:30 p.m., in an effort to pacify them. Informant pointed out that the Invaders, headed by LEWIS WELCH, were at the time he talked to the writer in the process of preparing a hate sheet in which they claimed they would denounce RALPH JACKSON, Rev. JAMES LAWSON, and others: would promise to create disruption and possibly riotous situations on 4/4/69; and that informant had learned on good authority that LEWIS WELCH had sent an Invaders member called ARMSTRONG, a recent releasee from jail, to procure photographs of H. RALPH JACKSON and Rev. JAMES LAWSON which they intended to use in putting out a brochure or "throwaway," denouncing these individuals.

Informant added that BOLDEN and BERNARD LAFAYETTE and ORANGE planned to remain in Memphis until the 4/4/69 march in an effort to coordinate the planning thereof but that Rev. ORANGE plans to go to Tuscaloosa, Ala., over the weekend of 3/29-30/69 in order to get married. The identity of his bride-to-be is unknown.

Informant saw the young Negro, former MSU student and former enlistee in the U. S. Navy, MARK SIGGERS, who purportedly is now connected in some capacity with the COKE, who was at the Lorraine Hotel on the night of 3/25/69, although SIGGERS did not take any active part in this meeting. Informant stated that he would try to keep abreast of this situation and promptly furnish any pertinent information to this office.

This information has orally been disseminated to Lt. E. H. ARKIN, Intelligence Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department.

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5/14/69

SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

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On 5/7/69, ME 338-R advised that the girl at Memphis State University (MSU), a Negro freshman who has been so active in recent BSA activities which resulted in 4/23/69 sit-in at the office of Dr. HUMPHREYS and subsequent 4/28/69 sit-in at his office resulting in 109 arrests, is whose mother is [redacted] and who-

[redacted] in turn, is the sister of [redacted] who operates [redacted] Night Club, a Negro institution on [redacted]

He advised the family lives at [redacted]

SR., who would be subject's grandfather. He advised that subject has the reputation of being rather loose in her morals, a very excitable girl who is not knowingly a part of any of the organized black power movement but who is one who is easily influenced by those because of her engaging personality and good looks. He furnished photos concerning her which were taken at the BSA rally at Clayborn Temple, 276 Hernando on the night of 5/2/69. These photos are being retained in [redacted]

Informant added that one thing that concerns him is that BOBBY DOCTOR, employee of U. S. Civil Rights Commission, Third Floor, FOB, Memphis, an admitted agnostic non-believer in Christ, as recently as 5/2/69 was telling many BSA students along with some Invaders that the theory of SCIC of non-violence and Christian ethics is beloney and that the only way young blacks could get their way was through militancy, even of a violent nature if necessary.

[redacted]

- 1 - 157-1815 BSA - MSU
- 1 - 170-70-SUB, ME 338-R
- ① - 157-166 SCIC
- 1 - 157-943 Bobby Doctor
- 1 - 157-1258 Lance "Sweet Willie Wine" Watson
- 1 - 157-1067 Invaders

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Informant advised that LANCE "SWEET WILLIE WINE" WATSON wants to go to Charleston, South Carolina, to help in operation of SCIC to organize the hospital workers in that city but that he seriously doubts that WATSON will ever go.

SAC (157-1312)

11/1/68

SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

BLACK KNIGHTS, INC.
RM

On 10/8/68 ME 338-R (Ghetto) orally advised
SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE as follows:

A male Negro, HENNIE LANE, an adept and accomplished Negro artist with a studio on North Second Street, is making a lot of conscious tikis or amulets for resale to Negroes. He is making them for Black Knights. He indicated he has become affiliated with Black Knights; said ANTRA IBAN SHADAD, a Black Knight, wants to work with him, but he is somewhat skeptical of SHADAD. He said SHADAD is now living somewhere on Sexton Street.

ME 338 added that during the 10/3/68 sympathy march for striking city hospital employees that ROBERT C. DOCTOR, aka BOBBY DOCTOR, male Negro employee of U. S. Civil Rights Commission, was with AUNREY DANIERGE, female Negro who used to do volunteer office work for SCIC. DANIERGE is married as is DOCTOR, yet they were holding hands.

Photos of DOCTOR holding hands with DANIERGE were furnished by ME 338.

Later on 10/8/68 ME 338-R advised that DOUG RUBIN, aka WILLIAM RUBIN, in charge of SCIC's "Marks Miss. Warehouse" on S. Florida St., and RANDI CATRON, aka RANDALL CATRON, RONALD CATRON, were together, indicated they would attend 10/8/68 Memphis City Council meeting and insist that Council hurry and settle the city of Memphis hospital strike which commenced 9/21/68.

- 1 - 157-1312 (BLACK KNIGHTS)
- 1 - 170-70 Sub (ME 338-R Ghetto)
- 1 - 157-1399 (ANTRA IBAN SHADAD)
- 1 - 157-943 (ROBERT C. DOCTOR)

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- 1 - 157- (RANDI CATRON)
- 1 - 157-166 (SCIC)
- 1 - 157- (DOUG RUBIN, aka)

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TO : SAC (157-1815)

DATE: 6/6/69

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: BLACK STUDENT ASSOCIATION (BSA),
MEMPHIS STATE UNIVERSITY (MSU)
RM

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On 5/7/69 ME 338-R advised SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE
as follows:

In recent conversations with Black Student Association (BSA), Memphis State University (MSU), leader, JAMES EDWARD MOCK, ME 338 is convinced MOCK
but definitely nonviolent.

In fact, BOBBY DOCTOR of the U. S. Civil Rights Commission Office, Memphis, and RONALD LOUIS IVY, 1968 MSU graduate and 1968 Chairman of the Black Organizing Project (BOP), are most critical of MOCK's nonviolent approach. They claim the only manner by which black students at MSU can win demands is through the use of violence or threatened violence. MOCK follows tactics of the late MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., whereas DOCTOR and IVY are advocates of violence approach enunciated by the late MALCOLM X. LITTLE.

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1 - 170-70 Sub (ME 338-R)

- 1 - 157-1069 (RONALD LOUIS IVY)
- 1 - 157-943 (BOBBY DOCTOR)
- 1 - 157-1647 (DONALD PIGFORD)
- 1 - 157-1173 (OREE MC KENZIE)
- 1 - 100-4528 (CHARLES L. CABBAGE)
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- 1 - 157-1634 (WILLIE TAYLOR)
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He said DONALD PIGFORD, CHARLES LAVERNE CABBAGE, and OREE MC KENZIE, all of the Invaders, also preach a violence approach.

Recently MELVIN SMITH of the Invaders said that EMMETT HOUSE and CHARLES L. CABBAGE, two of the original Invaders, are nothing but "dope heads." Also it has been observed that CABBAGE is an inveterate Beale Street loafer as is VERDELL BROOKS, one of the original Invaders.

Regarding the recent Invader and Black Conference led by COBY VERNON SMITH held at Paradise Lake near Mason, Tennessee, 5/2 and 5/3/69, it was learned from WENDELL WITHERS and LANCE WATSON that it was sponsored by Black Organizing Project (BOP), the umbrella group, now inactive, over the Invaders. Those present were Invaders members, LeMoyne-Owen College students, and some MSU students. They held "sensitivity sessions" and "all learned about each other." Among those present was WILLIE TAYLOR, LeMoyne basketball star.

CLIFFORD LOUIS TAYLOR is allegedly in jail at Nashville.

The above information was furnished to Lt. E. H. ARKIN and Detective JERRY C. DAVIS, both of the Memphis Police Department Intelligence Bureau.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1168)

DATE: 9/22/69

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION IN TENNESSEE
RM

On 9/10/69 ME 338-R furnished the following information to SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE:

Re: NATHANIEL NESBITT JOHNSON

NATHANIEL NESBITT JOHNSON is now out of the
Shelby County Workhouse.

[redacted] He claimed he wanted to go to Forrest City, Arkansas, to participate in the civil rights activities being headed by LANCE "SWEET WILLIE WINE" WATSON, Prime Minister of the Invaders, but that he was afraid to go to Forrest City unless he was armed fearing for his life and claimed that he had no sidearms.

- 1 - 157-1168
- 1 - 170-70 Sub (ME 338-R)
- 1 - 157-1751 (NATHANIEL NESBITT JOHNSON)
- 1 - 157-166 (SCLC)
- 1 - 157-1638 (O. W. PICKETT)
- 1 - 157-2165 (Citizens Opposed to Starvation Taxes (COST))
- 1 - 157-1310 (HERMAN O'NEIL)
- 1 - 157-DEAD (ROOSEVELT ARCHER)
- 1 - 157-DEAD (RICHARD WOODS)
- 1 - 157- (TREZEVANT CARTER)
- 1 - 157-1578 (WILLIAM DOUG RUBIN)
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- ① - 157-1516 (AFSCME)
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Re: COST Picketing of Home of Memphis Mayor

Informant advised that the Citizens Opposed to Starvation Taxes (COST) movement, headed by Memphis Negro realtor O. W. PICKETT and CORNELIA CRENSHAW, held a picketing at the home of Memphis Mayor HENRY LOEB on the previous Saturday, 9/6/69. The leading participants were CORNELIA CRENSHAW, Bishop P. L. JOHNSON, O. W. PICKETT, and a young Negro woman, bright-skinned, a friend of RICK TAYLOR, News Correspondent for Radio Station WDIA, and former girl friend of BISHOP TROTTER, whose name is believed to be SALLY CAMPBELL. She is the same woman who was at the mass meeting at Warner Temple in April, 1969, prior to the picketing of the Firestone Plant.

Re: SCLC

HERMAN O'NEILL, alleged leader of the Memphis Mobilization Unit of SCLC, is back in Memphis. He has also been in and out of Fayette County, Tennessee, during the recent racial crisis there and has been accompanied by other alleged SCLC field workers, namely ROOSEVELT ARCHER, RICHARD WOODS, and DOUG RUBIN.

Re: U. S. CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

JOHN SPENCE, who has been the Number Two in the U. S. Civil Rights Commission Office, Federal Building, Memphis, Tennessee, has taken a leave of absence apparently to do continuing studies. BOBBY DOCTOR, male Negro, is now in charge of the Memphis Office which is in the process of moving to Atlanta, Georgia. DOCTOR has already located a house in Atlanta and will be moving in the very near future.

Re: TIMOTHY BYRD, aka Bird

Informant added that TIMOTHY BYRD, a young male Negro, a dropout at Carver High School, Memphis, who is a self-admitted Invader, was with LANCE "SWEET WILLIE WINE" WATSON, on Friday, 9/5/69. BYRD [redacted] and he lives with his mother. He has no father, and his exact address is not known.

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Re: MICHAEL JEROME STARKS

Informant stated that MICHAEL JEROME STARKS is

Re: MEM-Training Corporation

Informant advised that the Memphis Educational and Manpower Training Corporation headed by FRANCIS W. "BILL" KEPHART, Episcopalian white minister, and JESSE EPPS, of the AFSCME; MALCOLM D. BLACKBURN; ISAAC TAYLOR of the Black Arcade; and AUTRY PARKER, head of MAP-South, a subsidiary of the Memphis War on Poverty Committee, Memphis Poverty Program, held a meeting on Saturday, 9/6/69, at the Minimum Salary Office of the AME Church headed by Rev. H. RALPH JACKSON.

They presented their program to WILLIAM ROSS, Local Director of the AFL-CIO movement, and are attempting to get a Federal grant to use to train employees through jobs provided by various select industries. AUTRY PARKER apparently is to be let out at MAP-South and is looking for a job.

Re: Concern of CORNELIA CRENSHAW with HERMAN O'NEILL

On 9/9/69 CORNELIA CRENSHAW was inquiring as to whether HERMAN O'NEILL really had a true position with SCLC. She was referred to O. W. PICKETT for further details.

(In this connection it is to be noted that an airtel from the Atlanta Division dated 9/12/69 reported that on 9/11/69 [redacted] advised that the Memphis group of SCLC consisting of JACKIE ANTHONY, a female; ARNOLD HAYES; TOMMIE KING; HERMAN O'NEILL; DOUG RUBIN; SHANNA RUSSELL (female); JAMES SESSLEY; DON WILLIAMS has disintegrated and that as of

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9/1/69 SCLC terminated the services of ANTHONY KING, O'NEILL, RUBIN and RUSSELL and that FAYES, SESSLEY and WILLIAMS were placed on probation because prior SCLC service had been unsatisfactory.

Re: REGINA BENNETT, aka BARNETT

Informant advised that this young girl, a female Negro, who formerly lived with ANITA CUSTARD and who worked in the office of O. W. PICKETT, claims she is going to attend Siena College, Memphis, during the fall of 1969. She did do some voluntary work for SCLC in PICKETT's office but indications are that PICKETT does not have any formal affiliation with SCLC.

REGINA BENNETT or BARNETT stated that she had been in the New Jersey and New York area for a few days very recently. It is noted that ANITA CUSTARD recently moved to the Newark, New Jersey, area to work for the National Welfare Rights Organization (NWRO) and circumstantially BENNETT or BARNETT may have visited her.

Re: GWENDOLYN SMITH

Informant advised that a potential trouble spot at Memphis State University is developing, in that one GWENDOLYN SMITH, a graduate of Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, in Nursing, and who has recently been an Air Force Nurse, stationed in Tokyo, wants to work at Memphis State University as an instructor in its new School of Nursing; that she allegedly has a good potential; has good credentials; is very friendly with the WHITTIER SENGSTACKEs who edit the "Tri-State Defender," Memphis Negro newspaper. She is a native of Memphis, is young and energetic, and at a recent party at the SENGSTACKE house was lamenting the fact that MSU had not given her any satisfaction in her application. WHITTIER SENGSTACKE, JR., who is somewhat contentious, wanted to make a big issue of this, run a series of stories in the paper and create a series of demands against MSU,

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and when informant learned of this, he tactfully suggested to her that she intercede through LEONARD SMALL of the National Business League and who was on the Memphis and Shelby County Human Relations Council, along with Dr. C. C. HUMPHREYS, President of Memphis State University.

On 9/10/69 this information was confidentially discussed with Dr. HUMPHREYS who advised that he would look into the matter.

Later on 9/17/69 Dr. HUMPHREYS advised that he had written a letter to GWENDOLYN SMITH and is going to have Dr. RONALD CARRIER, Vice President of the University, personally contact her indicating to her that all vacancies have been filled but that she will be given favorable consideration for the next vacancy. He stated that LEONARD SMALL had discussed this matter with him and that he feels there will be no trouble as a result.

Informant added on 9/9/69 that GWENDOLYN SMITH has local Telephone No. 685-6854.

The above information of intelligence nature is being disseminated to the Intelligence Bureau, Memphis Police Department.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-166)

DATE: 12/10/69

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FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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On 12/4/69 ME 338-R advised that the newly formed Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Memphis, is somewhat dormant at the present time; that one of the leaders, H. RALPH JACKSON, has gone to the National Council of Churches convention in Detroit, Michigan, and hopes to get financial aid there. Informant advised that another leader, JESSE LEE EPPS, Assistant to President of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), is currently in Durham, North Carolina, involving labor problems with regard to AFSCME in that city. He stated that a potentially dangerous situation exists in that MARVIN WOMAX of the union has stated that someone connected with the union was able to induce National Broadcasting Company to send a camera crew to Memphis to do research and take photographs of various facets of Local 1733, AFSCME efforts to force St. Joseph Hospital to recognize Local 1733 as the bargaining agent for the workers at the hospital. He stated that BOBBY DOCTOR, formerly of the U. S. Civil Rights Commission Office, Memphis, now stationed at Atlanta, Georgia, is also back in town; that DOCTOR has a young white fellow with him. He stated that the NBC camera crew is staying at the Rivermont Motel, and informant feels that with the camera crew present, some of the supporters of the union may do something of a

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1-157-943 - BOBBY DOCTOR

1-157-1310 - HERMAN O'NEIL

1-157-1632 - DENNIS HENDERSON

1-157-1121 - EZEKIEL BELL

1-157-1578 - WILLIAM L. "DOUG" RUBIN

1-157- - ARLENE SANDERS

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flamboyant, provocative nature in order to get publicity, which could provoke violence.

Detective JERRY C. DAVIS and Inspector DON SMITH of the Intelligence Bureau, Memphis Police Department, advised on 12/4/69 that they are aware of the existence of the camera crew in Memphis.

Informant stated that with regard to Operation Breadbasket, a splinter SCLC group, headed allegedly in Memphis by HERMAN O'NEIL, O'NEIL is promoting something; that O'NEIL is using telephone 272-3608 and wants to talk to informant concerning some sort of promotion, possibly in connection with Operation Breadbasket, which was to kick off in Memphis over the week end of 12/6/69. O'NEIL has stated that he is fed up with BELL, JACKSON, and EPPS, and that O'NEIL will not work with the SCLC group in Memphis. O'NEIL is attempting to organize young black college students in support of his Mobilizers, Inc., and his closest college associate to date appears to be DENNIS HENDERSON of LeMoyne-Owen College. O'NEIL hopes to have this young youth group refute and thwart ostensible activities of SCLC.

Another of O'NEIL's supporters in the Mobilizers, WILLIAM L. "DOUG" RUBIN, was recently involved in an automobile wreck, sustained internal injuries, and is now a patient in Collins Chapel Hospital.

Informant feels that the Mobilizers at present have no real base in Memphis.

Informant advised that WILLIE BELL, former follower of the Mobilizers, states that he is no longer active in this movement, is somewhat opposed to the black militant movement, and claims that he is now working full time at Happy Hal's Toy establishment on Monroe.

The above information is being disseminated to the Intelligence Bureau, Memphis Police Department.

It is significant that with regard to phone 272-3608, given by O'NEIL, this same phone number is being used by ARLENE SANDERS, one of the Mobilizers who recently accompanied LANCE "SWEET WILLIE WINE" WATSON to Cincinnati and while in Cincinnati gave that number as her phone, according to an LHM received from Cincinnati captioned "The Invaders."